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SUBJECT:MBFR: TABLING OF UPDATED WESTERN DATA

1. IN TABLING REVISED WESTERN DATA IN VIENNA, ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS TO THE EAST SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND NAC INSTRUCTIONS
AS SUPPLEMENTED BY FOLLOWING POINTS. YOU SHOULD SEEK AHG
CONCURRENCE IN THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE:

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-- IF ASKED BY EAST ABOUT THE LEVEL OR OPERATION OF THE

COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING, THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WILL RECALL PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND STATE THAT THEIR POSITION ON THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING HAS NOT CHANGED.

-- IF ASKED ABOUT THE SIZE OF WESTERN REDUCTIONS, WESTERN PARTICIPANTS WILL SAY THAT THE MAGNITUDE OF REDUCTIONS TO BE MADE BY THE WEST WILL BE AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY THE WEST. NEW WESTERN DATA WILL NOT DECREASE THE SIZE OF WESTERN REDUCTIONS ALREADY PROPOSED.

2. IF PRESSED ON THESE POINTS, THE WEST WILL RESPOND THAT THE REASON THE DATA WAS TABLED WAS TO GET A COUNTING RULES DISCUSSION STARTED AND THESE OTHER QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL AT A LATER DATE, THOUGH IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN PREVIOUS WESTERN POSITIONS

3. BEGIN FYI: WE WANT TO AVOID SUGGESTING THAT WESTERN REDUCTION OFFER IS BEING INCREASED IN SIZE, SINCE WE DO NOT WANT TO PREJUDICE INTERPRETATIONS OF C-M(73)83 GUIDANCE. MOREOVER, WE WANT TO AVOID SIGNALING TO EAST AT THIS TIME THAT SPECIFIC WESTERN FIGURES TABLED IN THE PAST OR AT PRESENT NECESSARILY WILL FORM THE BASIS OF REDUCTIONS DOWN TO MBFR MANPOWER CEILINGS OR OF A BETWEEN PHASES FREEZE. END FYI.

4. ONCE AHG AGREES TO THIS APPROACH, YOU SHOULD ADVISE SOVIETS OF INTENTION TO TABLE NEW DATA, TABLE DATA AT INFORMAL MEETING WITH EAST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE PLENARY ON THURSDAY, AND FOLLOW UP WITH TABLING NEW DATA AT PLENARY MEETING IF YOU BELIEVE THIS USEFUL.

5. IF AHG OBJECTS TO ABOVE APPROACH, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE ABOVE POINTS WITH THE EAST IN ROUND XI. IF AHG STILL CANNOT AGREE TO ABOVE APPROACH, REPORT URGENTLY.

6. PRESS GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

7. FOR BONN, LONDON, AND BRUSSELS: YOU SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF ABOVE (EXCEPT PARA 3) AS SOON
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